



Annual Report
2018 to 2019
*Enabling Positive & Protective
Environment for Girls/Children*

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Introduction

Girls often take violence with themselves as their fate. Even during the upbringing, they are often asked to endure and remain silent. The effect of which is that the girls' self-strength becomes weak and they cannot defend against. It is also taught that if women protest only then how will the house and society settle? By keeping everything together and keeping quiet, she keeps on renouncing her rights happily. But this idol of sacrifice always deprives her from rights and dignity. With broken confidence, she suffers mentally when she lives up with discrimination and violence under the guise of tradition and custom.

Children and girls even feel their childhood and get involved in as supporting hands for entire family. They live in depression and anxiety that usually welcome the local pimps and traffickers to get benefit of it.

Multiple stakeholders after being informed are contributing in protecting the girls and children from becoming the soft target of child marriage, child labor and trafficking.

The current effort is to make such girls and children aware about the discrimination happening with them. So that they could be so capable of themselves that they can fight their own battle and initiate themselves for their own rights and protection. So that other girls and children of the society can be inspired by their action and move on in life in achieving higher education, social mainstreaming, dignity, leadership and confidence. Girls/ children become so strong that they, either inside the house or outside, would be able to recognize the threat, and also know the tips for dealing with them. Simultaneously, it has also been a remarkable step to make society and concern stakeholders a leader so that they could also take spontaneous initiative in breaking and speaking out against

Children are seen as liability rather than responsibility. Parents prefer to send the children for working to earn money rather than sending them to school or to participate in community development activities.

traditional boundaries.

Bhoomika Vihar in 2018 The Annual Report reflects on Triangle Approach and Alternative Care Model of Bhoomika Vihar for bringing positive and protective change to the lives of marginalized section Girls/ children. Bhoomika Vihar preferred to intervene closely with thousands of girls, children and women in order to transform them as Change Agents. Through taking Multi-dimensional approach, Bhoomika Vihar ensured in making access of vulnerable girls/children to Life Skill Education, Vocational skills, Higher Studies, Preventive Measures, Livelihood and in amplifying their Voices against discrimination and Violence, within the four walls or outsides.

Vision, Mission and Interventions

Vision

Sustainable development based on the harmony of livelihood for marginalized population particularly girls, women and children through social and economical empowerment, with attention to the true sense on people's participation

Mission

To facilitate to insure the process of formation of society excluding exploitation and violence and promote empowerment of oppressed sections of the society particularly among marginalized section girls, women and children, based upon the participation to bring effective and positive socio economic changes through leadership."

Interventions

Creating Community Based Sustainable Approaches

Enabling
Girl/Child Friendly
Community and
Awareness
Building

Enriching
Preventive
Measures and
Life Skills
Education

Placing
Livelihood
Alternatives

Convergence and
Advocacy with
Multi-
stakeholders

Alternative Care
Model

Highlights of 2018- 2019

92 Girls Panchayats enriched with Preventive Measures of Child Marriage and Bride Trafficking

3680 girls are transformed as Amplifier Girls on Girl Child Rights and Protection

1840 girls transformed themselves as “Gyan Mitra” to teach the poor children of the village in order to creating Chain of Education

3680 girls are prevented from child marriage and fake/forced marriage

480 Younger Girls enrolled for pursuing higher studies

720 Out of School and Drop out Girls/Children Linked up with Primary and Regular education through introducing multi-dimensional activities

456 Marginalized Section children who previously were working in field received Attendance Award on attending the school at regular basis

50 Community Based Structures in the form of Community Safety Nets, Mitra Mandali, Vigilance Committee, Mahilla Mandali, Yuwa Samiti, Chatra Sangh, strengthened as watch dog against child marriage and fake/forced/early marriage

152 marginalized section parents welcomed by the School Principal and PRI Members on sending their children to school rather than preferring for doing labourer work in field

Approx 45000 different section people reached through Folk Art on Girl Child Rights and Protection

15 CPC strengthened and regulated on child protection concern

Social and Behavioral Change Communication Materials helped in developing Negotiation skills in girls that affected their decision making skills in terms of continuing education and not marrying in teenage

45 local youths are trained as Folk Communicators in order to mobilizing the target audience on girl's child rights and protection

510 Girls and women are empowered financially and socially through vocational courses, life skill trainings and local market based income generating activities

37018 People were reached by the team members on sending their children school regularly and not handing over their children to strangers

60 Survival women of fake/forced marriage are prevented from becoming the victim of Re-Trafficking

45 Boys are transformed as Gender Sensitive Youth Speakers

24 Teachers are involved in creating welcoming environment for vulnerable children/ girls in schools by honoring respective guardians who prefer their children attending school regularly

92 Girl Panchayat involved in creating " PROUD MOMENT FOR MOTHERS- through celebrating the birth of 56 new born girl child and giving "Congratulation letters" to the MOTHERs

154 Care Givers are enriched with Parenting Skills and Childhood Care taking especial concern to the children living with paternal or maternal relatives

35 Alternative care children are equipped with Theatre Skills in order to exhibit personal feeling and belongingness

60 Children living with their paternal and maternal relatives are enjoying childhood care and protection

60 Alternative Care Children celebrated each other Birthday in order to feel their existence and importance

Gate Keeping Mechanism developed for the children living with paternal and maternal relatives

U.S Consulate General Office of Public Affairs, the American Centre, Kolkata invited as Panelist during the 7th Anti TIP Conclave

U.S Consulate General Kolkata and Dept of State- Office of Global Women's issue had selected I Minute Video #whatEmpowersMe during Women History Month



Awarded as "Katihar Gaurav"



Chandani and Punam, leader of Girl Panchayats was honored by DALSA on International Women Day, during district level event, for taking Heroic Action against child marriage.

She voiced out and prevented from being the victim of teen age marriage and enrolled themselves for higher studies





Summit of CSOs on promoting importance of Alternative Care and Protection of Children, living with their paternal and maternal relatives

Every Child has the Right to a Family



Training of NGOs on Child Rights and Communication

CACT Partners from different districts of Bihar took part in order to creating Networking and Convergence



TOT of Folk Communicators



***Presenting Human Trafficking in
the context of Bihar - Case
studies on Fake***

***State Consultation with
Directorate of Prosecution,
Home Department, Government
of Bihar
Organized by CCHT in
collaboration with UNICEF and
DoP, GoB
Venue: Bihar Institute of
Correctional Administration,
Hajipur, (Vaisahli), Bihar***



***Presenting Socio Economic
Dimension of Bride Trafficking
State Level Consultation with
Police or Prosecution***





Convergence Meet with the Representatives of different Media House of State Patna on promoting Equal Education to All As especial guest, Ms. Keerti, Country Head, Caritas Switzerland and Dr. Sanjay Kumar, India Country Director of The Lakshmi Mittal and Family South Asia Institute, Harvard University



Mobilizing Youths For Social Change Interaction with the Students of Indian Institute of Technology, Patna



State level Youth Networking Meeting of Bihar



Especial intervention with Youths, especially sensitizing Boys for taking stand and voicing out against patriarchal mindset



He4She Campaigning with Youths of AN College Patna



	<p><i>With Different Media House as Expert Panelist on the issues related to Girl Child Rights and Protection</i></p>
	
	
	

Interventions



Enabling Girl/Child Friendly Community and Awareness Building

Girl Panchayats relies on providing girls, an opportunity for learning, recreation and social interaction, while encouraging them to consider alternatives to tradition of fake, forced and early marriage. Promoting leadership in girls is primarily a matter of fostering their self-confidence and providing supportive environments in which to acquire leadership experience. To be relevant to and successful with girls, a leadership led programs must address their inspirational or preferred definition of leadership, their need for emotional safety, and their desire for social and personal development. Girls have a range of “leadership identities,” from strong aspiration to outright rejection of the leadership role

Highlights

92 Girl Panchayats constituted to voice out against child marriage and trafficking

1840 girls transformed themselves as “Gyan Mitra” to teach the poor children of the village in order to creating Chain of Education

24 Exposure visit held with PRI members

4200 Girls united to celebrate important days [World Health Day, National Child Labor Day, World Day Against Child Labor, World Day Against Trafficking in Person, Independence Day; Gandhai Jayanti; Republic Day, National Girl Child Day; International women day]

35 Cultural Events held with girls and children in local schools on girl rights and protection especially on child marriage preventive steps

56 Badhai Patr [Congratulation letters] distributed to the mothers of new born girl child

1 FIR lodged against child marriage

1 FIR lodged against trafficking

85 suspected cases of child marriage stopped

25 suspected case of fake/ forced marriage was stopped



Educational Attainment of Girls

in the form of monthly stipend supports them in continuing their education and to bear the expenses required pursuing concern studies. Reaching to regular education enabled them to act as Role Model in rural areas where girl's education is not seen as to be prioritized. Opportunities for girls from these areas are limited. But adolescent girls, in particular, find their future paths are often constrained by discrimination and the traditional practice of child marriage. Educated girls are been a powerful force of change in remote areas. Getting involved with education, they are going to stay safer, be healthier, get married later and have healthier and educated children. Preferences are given to the girls who are drop outs or out of school or had to stop their concern studies meanwhile due to financial crunch or family pressure.

Highlights

180 Marginalized section vulnerable girls are transforming as local Ambassador on Girl Education

180 vulnerable girls enrolled to higher education



Maike Centres envision improving enrolment and reducing the dropout rate of school going children in disadvantaged groups through adopting Joyful learning Approach. Children are the effective change agents, if their leanings and environments are fine tuned effectively. Centres aims at bringing various changes in marginalized children, the awareness level on personal hygiene, safe drinking water practices, sanitation practices, and awareness on their Rights & Protection increases to greater extent.

Highlights

16 Joyful learning centres introduced in remote and rural areas in order to get the out of school and drop out children enrolled with regular education and childhood play

720 children are mainstreamed educationally and socially

720 children are aware and oriented on preventive measures of child marriage

128 Attendance Award celebrated in local school with 8840 children

384 children get appreciated on attending the school at regular basis and 128 parents welcomed on sending their children to school rather than preferring for doing labourer work in field.

24 Teachers are involved in creating welcoming environment for vulnerable children/ girls in schools

48 Exposure visit held with the children. Children interacted directly with PRI members, ASHA, Aanganwari, School, Police Station, and representatives of Local media, Child Welfare Committee

136 multidimensional competitions in the form of painting, slogan, sports, song, mimicry, storytelling, poem, held with the children. 408 children for the 1st time won prizes on better performances

800 children jointly celebrated important days - World Health Day, National Child Labor Day, World Day Against Child Labor, World Day Against Trafficking in Person, Independence Day; Gandhai Jayanti; Republic Day, National Girl Child Day; International women day]



Community Based Support Structures

influence individual behaviour, affect long term social change and involve different section of community. It is very important for empower the local community involving villagers, youths and women to function and respond better on rights and protection issues. When parents and community leaders see girls and young women take on new roles and get a sense of their capacity and potential, their perceptions about them and their opportunities start to change. Community-Driven support structures are an approach that gives ownership over prevention mechanism against child marriage and trafficking. It is a powerful, effective instrument for empowering and mobilizing communities. Empowering local decision-making has led to the efficient proactive measures and, when sustained over time, measurable reduction in violence against girls and children, particularly among the marginalized communities.

We engage boys as advocates for women's equality. Although influencing community norms required engaging Youths in all aspects of the project, concern initiative also believe that youth must "drive" the process. Young people exchange ideas on gender concern issues that need to be addressed to achieve gender equality, within the four walls or outdoors.

Highlights

25 Community based support structures strengthened as Watch dog against fake/forced and early marriage and child labour

10 Gender Talk initiated with 1200 youths in order to mobilize them in facilitating positive change to patriarchal mindset and behavior.

45 Boys are transformed as Gender Sensitive Youth Speakers

25 Mahilla Mandali are strengthened as local Advocates in order to taking action for girl/women rights

50 Orientation held with members of Community based structures

10 Meetings with CPC held on functioning of the concern committee for child protection and convergence at local level

8 local villagers become the member of CPC

Social and Behavior Change

Communication in the form of Folk Art and IEC Materials triggers in building positive and protecting environment for girls/children. Music has been a way to develop confidence breaking fear of mind and hesitation. It has been a platform to develop different songs on girl's rights and protection with music.

Highlights

2 *Swaragni* - " My Rights My Voice " event held by the local folk artists

45 youths are trained as Folk Communicators in order to mobilizing the target audience on girls child rights and protection

85 Cultural shows held in project area

Approx 20000 people reached through the medium of folk art

100 Purcha, 50 booklet and 500 posters and 56 Badhai Patr designed and developed on girls child rights and preventive measures of child marriage and fake/forced/early marriage

480 Naya Savera Educational Book let designed and distributed to the poor children children



Awareness Rising on Girl Child Rights and Participation

is an approach to make the Panchayat representatives, Personals of Govt. and semi govt welfare programs and block officials sensitized, responsible and motivated to the issues related to girl child rights and protective measures. Different issues such as – Regularity of children in school and functioning of school committee, gender discrimination, child vulnerability, youth involvement for bringing change, employment opportunities, and access of vulnerable families to welfare schemes discussed.

Highlights

14 Panchayat level Oath Ceremony held with PRI members, Welfare personals, parents, teachers, girls and children

382 People from different caste, culture and background taken joint oath for girl child rights and protecting measures

4 Block level Gender Workshop initiated with 600 multiple stakeholders

1 District level convergence meeting with local child protection unit, media and local CBOs held where discussion made on available child protection system and response and redressal mechanism.



Enriching Preventive Measures and Life Skill Education

Life Skill Education and Participation enriched the girls with leadership qualities and life skills in order to take appropriate decision and action. Girls getting involved with life skill and leadership experience, they learn to think and act in a way that promotes an inclusive environment, respecting and valuing diverse backgrounds, viewpoints, and life experiences. Girls feel connected to their communities. Girls feel that they are part of a larger community and recognize the importance of building diverse, supportive social networks for their personal and leadership development. Girls can resolve conflict. Girls learn to recognize and analyze different conflict situations and develop skills for constructive conflict resolution and prevention

Highlights

8 leadership training held with 600 marginalized section vulnerable girls

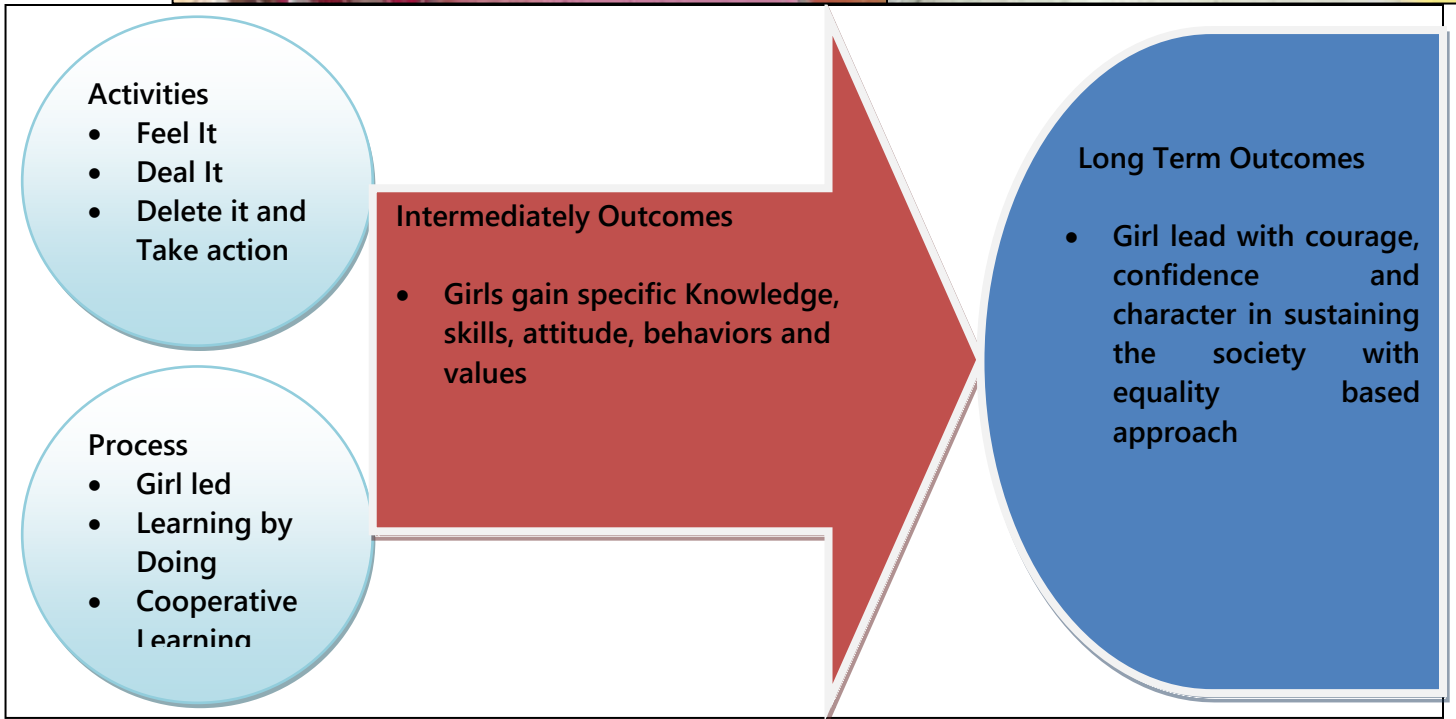
600 girls are aware of resolving conflict and taking preventive measures against child marriage and fake/forced/ early marriage through storytelling, role play and group activities.




4 Betia Janm- MahaUtsav facilitated by the girls through making handmade invitation card and cultural events to celebrate womanhood




1000 Girls involved in the celebration and tried to convince their family and community to the importance of girls rights and participation







Feel It 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Girls develop a strong sense of self. ➤ Girls develop positive values. ➤ Girls gain practical life skills. ➤ Girls seek challenges in the world. ➤ Girls develop critical thinking.
Deal It 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Girls develop healthy relationships.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Girls promote cooperation and team building. ➤ Girls can resolve conflicts. ➤ Girls advance diversity in a multicultural world. ➤ Girls feel connected to their communities
Delete it – Take Action  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Girls can identify community needs. ➤ Girls are resourceful problem solvers. ➤ Girls advocate for themselves and others, locally and globally. ➤ Girls educate and inspire others to act. ➤ Girls feel empowered to make a difference
Leadership	

Making the Women Local Entrepreneur

Economical Empowerment and Mainstreaming among Women

influences decision making process in home and in community. Financial strengthening among women elevates women's voice and leadership to stand up for their rights and dignity. Victims and vulnerable Women after getting involved with social rehabilitation process come together and learn about their fundamental human rights, often for the first time. With the power of this knowledge, we helped them in identifying how to protect their rights and create more equal homes and communities. We get them involved with counseling and awareness activities, which give them strength, mental support and opportunity to interact, open up and overcome from the depression and loneliness, as most of them suffer

Highlights

988 Vulnerable families have been identified and linked up with welfare schemes such as *Indira Aawas*, *Bridha Pension*,

Kerosan oil, Ujjwala Gas, Toilet, Rshan, Laxmibai Pension Scheme, Aanganwari, Antodaya, A.N.M, Cow-set.

60 Survival and vulnerable women are linked up with local market based income generating activities for having alternative means of livelihood at local level

60 Women are aware of saving, credit and market

450 girls and women are equipped with tailoring and designing course





Advocacy

Multi Stakeholder Convergence and Participation

not only enhanced ownership to child protection issues but also ensures increased sustainability. Likewise convergence and coordination with different platforms, people and stakeholders helps in doing advocacy for girl child rights and protection issue.

Purpose	Subject	Out Put
Convergence with child Protection systems and mechanism	Child Protection and Preventive Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 Interaction held with the officials with District Child Welfare Units 9 Interaction meet with local Police held where 315 girls participated and gained knowledge on FIR processing and follow up mechanism of child protection.
NGOs/CBOs Convergence Meet at State level	Strengthening coordination with the organizations working on child protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Event took place at state level 127 people took part in involving girls, parents, NGOs, CBOs, INGOs and local media.

Alternative Care Model of Bhoomika Vihar

U.S Consulate General Kolkata and Dept of State- Office of Global Women's issue had called for submitting a video	Women Empowerment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U.S Consulate General Kolkata and Dept of State-Office of Global Women's issue had selected I Minute Video #whatEmpowersMe during Women History Month
UNICEF Bihar and Dept of Social Welfare called a consultative meeting for preparing Minimum standard guideline	Minimum standard guideline for Children Homes in Bihar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared view on reviewing Minimum standard guideline for Children Homes in Bihar during the meeting called by UNICEF Bihar and Dept of Social Welfare
DCPU called a meeting for convergence	Child Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team Participated and shared their work done on Child Protection Issue
International Justice Mission called a consultation meet on TOP Bill	Trafficking of Person Bill and networking with the organization at National level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team Participation
Restless Development India asked for be the member of Technical Advisory Group on Youth led Intervention	SGD 5 and FP2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Become the member of Technical Advisory Group
Meeting called by Save the Children	Sexual Abuse in Child care institution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team Participation
Unicef Bihar called a meeting	Deliberation on child marriage with UNICEF team visiting from New York and Delhi office at unicef patna office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharing on Anti Child Marriage effort of Bhoomika Vihar
Unicef Bihar and Caritas Switzerland constituted a State level Anti Trafficking Network " CCHT" [Collection Collation Against Human Trafficking]	Anti Trafficking Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bhoomika Vihar become the member of Steering Committee
Labor Resources Department, Department of Social Welfare and Unicef Bihar organized event on National Anti Child Labor Day[30 th	National Anti Child Labor Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team Participation

April]			
DCPU called a meeting on CPC functioning	CPC functioning		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Protection Committee Formation in Rampur panchayat of Kodha block of Katihar district
Doordarshan Bihar invited as Expert	Hygiene, Health and Safety of women		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participated as Expert on “ Hygiene, Health and Safety”
Restless Development asked for synergies and coordination	Youth Led Accountability		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiated joint meeting with Youths on Youth Led Accountability and possibility
Plan India	Participatory Research on CBCPM	Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team Participation
U.S Consulate General Office of Public Affairs, The American Centre, Kolkata invited as Panelist	Trafficking in Person		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alumni Panel at the 7th Anti TIP Conclave, American Centre Kolkata
District Magistrate, Suppaul invited	International Women Day		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Guest during the event “ Swakshta Sankalp Sah Mahilla Samman Samaroh”

Alternative Care Intervention In Numbers

Activity

Indicators

Tangible Results

Alternative Care Model

Strategy 1: Families receive parenting skill to be able to create a safe environment for the children living without parental care

Activity – 1- Parenting skills support	No of Orientation held with Care Givers	4
Orientation cum review mechanism to the care givers	No of Care givers participated in the orientation	154

No of Follow up held with Care Givers	72
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Activity- 2- Field Coordinates follow the development of the children and	Home visit done by the team members to track down the children living and relation	4
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their families according to the home visit plan.	in the respective house with the relatives	
	Number of householders visited to brief the villagers on the importance of alternative care	2869

Strategy3: Holistic development plan for vulnerable children is prepared in which the wishes and potentials of the child have been discussed with the child and the family and, where possible, is taken into account.

Activity- 1- Theatre Workshop to team members and local youths on Alternative Care and Protection mechanism for children	Number of Theatre Workshop done	1
	Number of local folk artists trained	30
Activity- 2- Cultural Activities in the project area getting the children involved	Number of Cultural event held in project area	23
	Number of people reach through cultural events	693
	Number of Children took part in the cultural events as artists.	22
Activity- 3- Message Painting	Number of Message painting done	100
Activity- 4- Learning & Teaching Materials for children	Number of learning and teaching materials printed and distributed	100

Strategy 4: Platforms in communities, GP and district level (SHG`s, child clubs, safety nets) with special attention for children in alternative care are established and supervised.

Activity- 1- Functioning of Child clubs for mental and physical growth of the children	Number of Child Clubs	2
	Number of Children involved with Child Clubs	60
	Number of Review Exercise to evaluate the learning status of the children at Child Clubs	94
	Sports competition done	21
	Painting competition done	3
Activity- 2- Community based support structure in the form of vigilance committee for the protection of children and follow up as review mechanism	Number of Vigilance committees formed	2
	Number of members associated with Vigilance Committees	30
	Number of Review meetings held with the vigilance committee	24
Activity- 3- Strengthening of Caregivers Association at village level	Number of Care Giver Association formed	6
	Number of parents associated with Care Giver Association	90

Strategy 5: Cooperation with schools and teachers giving special attention to the special needs of foster

children

Activity- 1- Celebrating Attendance award in local schools, meeting with school teachers and students for giving especial attention to the foster care children	Number of Attendance Award held in local schools where Aanchal supported children are studying	24
	Number of children won prize	72
	Number of participation during the Attendance Award	1261
Activity- 2- Convergence with Child Protection systems and Mechanisms	Number of Convergence Meeting with Child Protection systems and Mechanisms	7
	Number of Participation during the Convergence Meeting with Child Protection systems and Mechanisms	181
Activity- 3-Vulnerable (kinship) children get extra support , as per need require	Number of Children living without parental care getting monthly support such as raw food items and other daily needs	30
Activity- 4- Monthly Stipend to children (60 children on a monthly basis for a year	Number of children living without parental care getting monthly stipend	30
Activity- 5- Birthday Celebration	Number of Celebration took place where children jointly had celebrated their respective birthdays.	21

Strategy 6: Aftercare projects are set up, information and guidance for foster youth on their path to adulthood are realized

Activity- 1- Strengthening peer groups through introducing multiple educative and learning activities	Number of Peer Groups Formed	6
	Number of children involved as members of Peer Groups	72
	Number of important Days celebrated by the Peer Groups	10
	Number of children won prizes during the activities while celebrating important days	25

Strategy 7: methodology and legislation is being developed for the promotion of cooperation between foster parents / family caregivers, authorities and organizations

Activity- 1- Panchayat level Oath Ceremony	Number of Panchayat level Oath Ceremony with Panchayat representatives and child protection mechanism	2
	Number of Participation	241
Activity- 2- Local Level Meeting	Number of Local Level Meeting for environment building for children	10
	Number of Participation	710
Activity- 3- Good practices sharing Seminar	Number of State level Seminar held	1
	Number of Participation	126
	Number of Kinship care children did self presentation on their respective life journey	15

and impacts





Context

India has the highest population of children below the age of 18. Although over 4% of them are orphan, around 13% of them are abandoned. Many of the children who are becoming the easy victim of multiple violence are those whose parents have died or they have been abandoned. The high proportion of abandoned children among orphans highlights the fact that poverty is a major reason behind the situation. Indeed, states such as Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal had more orphans than India's richer states. [<https://www.soschildrensvillages.ca/india-now-home-20-million-orphans-study-finds>]

Goal

Children who are vulnerable and do not receive adequate care and protection, will live in a stable family situation, are securely attached and are developing well.

Objectives

1. There are enough foster parents/family care givers who are equipped to offer children security, who let them grow up as normal as possible and who are able to provide appropriate care.
2. Children are resilient and have a voice in the shaping of their lives
3. The child has a good relationship with the parents/ guardians and the network surrounding the child is strengthened and committed to provide a safe environment

Deliverables to achieve desired and outlined Results



For the better development of a child the family is the most important. Family is the unit where children feel most safe and protected, emotionally too. Especially if we talk about the children who have lost parents, they have more importance for them. If a child does not find a family, then his/her childhood gets away from him/her. Changes are seen in his/her behavior too. Therefore, effort is done especially with the family for the betterment of the children and for creating safe environment.

Outcomes

- Care Givers have the skills to support their children in their development and give them a good upbringing.
- Children feel welcome and safe in their family
- Parents are aware of positive reinforcement methods instead of punishment
- Children can develop their potential to the maximum

Activity - 1- Parenting skills support Orientation cum review mechanism to the care givers

Inputs Given as Sub Activities	Objectives	Methodology	Contents Discussed	Output Results
Orientation Meetings with the Care Givers	Brief the parents to know more about the development of children and how best they can support them	Case study analyses Individual presentation	Parenting Skill Behavior with the children Upbringing of the children without any discrimination	4 Orientation held with 154 care givers Guardians of the children participated and discussed improving individual approach in dealing with the children, living with them
Follow up with the care givers and the surrounding families	Promoting positive environment for the children	Monthly Meetings Discussion	Regularity in the school Villagers response to the children living without parental care	72 meetings organized with the care givers and the local villagers Care Givers took part in discussing for the wellbeing of the children living without parental care.

Activity- 2- Field Coordinates follow the development of the children and their families according to the home visit plan.

Children's rights, health, safety, environment, friendship, studies, home environment, facilities available, etc are discussed in relation to the child life. In order to avoid any misfortune with the child, especial visit plan has been designed both to involve the children and their present guardians. The children slowly begin to feel comfortable, without any fear, opening their talk to the volunteers

Inputs Given as Sub Activities	Objectives	Methodology	Contents Discussed	Output Results
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Follow up with the children and their families	Tracking the development of the children and family support	Home Visit	Regularity in school attendance	Family Environment	Relationship and response from the family	4 Home Visit done 60 children and their families were briefly discussed and reply on the different development indicators of the children 100% children and care givers are visited, listened to and supported
Visiting Households	To make them convinced to the importance of education	Counseling and Briefing	Child Care	2869 householders are informed on Community based Alternative Care.		

Strategy2: Holistic development plan for vulnerable children is prepared in which the wishes and potentials of the child have been discussed with the child and the family and, where possible, is taken into account.

Synopsis:

Cultural activity is considered the most important strategy for awareness building especially proven to make people sensitive in rural areas. Children are taught songs related to their rights and protecting measures. The best platform for children to grow self confidence is cultural activities. The children having smile on their faces sing song and feel their childhood. Music is essential to remove the sadness of the mind. Children join hands with the artists and try to forget about the accident in their lives.

Outcomes:

- Team Members and associates know the wishes of the children and take these into account when discussing the decisions on their development

Activity – 1- Use of Low Cost Media in sensitizing the community towards children

Inputs Given as Sub Activities	Objectives	Methodology	Contents Discussed	Output Results
Theatre Workshop	Briefing the Youths on Alternative Care and	Folk Performing Art	Child Rights	1 Theatre Workshop held 30 local artists trained on

	Protection mechanism for children at family level.		Preventive Measures	Folk Performing Art
Cultural Activities in the project area getting the children involved	Making the children comfortable and vocal	Song Street events Drama	Child Rights Preventive Measures	23 cultural activities held 693 children took part in 22 children participated as to perform during the event Low cost media is used in their respective language in creating a protective space for the children in family and community.
Information and Dissemination	Awareness	IEC	Child Rights Preventive Measures	100 Message Painting 100 Learning & Teaching Materials distributed to the children

Strategy 3: Platform in communities, GP and district level (child clubs, vigilance committee) with special attention for children in alternative care are established and supervised.

Synopsis

For the mental and physical development of the children, it is very important to be associated with different community people at the local level. Where people share their responsibilities towards children and help them move forward. The program that is being run for the children is necessary to get the people involved for suggestion, support and safety. Also, children need a platform where children can come and participate every day. Children are added through sports and entertainment so that the children are aware of the importance of education and connect with the mainstream of the society.

Outcomes

- 50 % children involvement
- Child Participation increased
- 50 % Communities are committed to each other and provide protection to children
- Vulnerable children and families are supported by the child clubs and Vigilance Committee.

Inputs Given as Sub Activities	Objectives	Methodology	Contents Discussed	Output Results
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Functioning of Child clubs	Mental and physical growth of the children Social Mainstreaming	Joy full Learning by doing Approach of Child Clubs Review Exercise to evaluate the learning status of the children Facilitating competition with the children	Surrounding environment	2 Child Clubs are functioning in project area 60 children are involved with the child club 94 Exercise held with children questing on surrounding environment and their curriculum As recreational activities; 21 sports competition, 3 panting competition held at CFC for making them vocal and vibrant.
Community based support structure in the form of vigilance committee	Involving local communities in promoting the rights and preventive measures for the children	Meetings	Local Safety Minimizing sudden elopement or migration of the children	2 Vigilance committee strengthened having 15 members in each groups.
Monthly follow up with Vigilance Committee and the child clubs	Support to the functioning of Child Clubs and other activities	Review , sharing and input by the members	Betterment of Child Clubs Child Safety	24 follow up meeting held with the members of the committee.
Strengthening of Caregivers Association at village level	Promoting care and responsiveness and positive family environment for the children living without parental care	Sharing of success stories during the meetings	Families supporting the children Responsibility of the families towards children Family environment for the children	6 Care Giver Association Established involving the families who are taking care of the children

Strategy4: Cooperation with multiple stakeholders and schools, teachers giving special attention to the children

Synopsis:

The society's view towards the children who live without the parental care is of double standards. In the development of children, the behavior of the people of the society is very important. Children will be able to grow in a positive way towards progress, if the society

behave well with them and keep a good approach. If people of different sections of the society keep mutual understanding, then violence against the child can be stopped.

Outcomes:

- Children better performance in school attendance
- Vulnerable (foster) children feel accepted and at home in *anganwadi* center or school and in their classroom

Inputs Given as Sub Activities	Objectives	Methodology	Contents Discussed	Output Results
Celebrating Attendance award in schools where orphan children are studying	<p>To promote the regular presentation of the children in the school</p> <p>Convergence with the school teachers especially for the enrolled children , living without parental care</p>	<p>Getting attendance list from the school</p> <p>Organizing event in the school</p> <p>Honoring 3 children each month</p>	<p>Importance of education</p>	<p>24 Attendance Award held in local school</p> <p>72 children won prizes upon their regular attendance in the school.</p> <p>1261 children took part in the event</p> <p>Orphan children have extra attention for regular presentation in school</p>
Convergence with Child Protection systems and Mechanisms	Drawing attention of the stakeholders towards the children for promoting their basic entitlements	<p>Exposure visits of the children</p> <p>Interaction meetings with the stakeholders</p>	<p>Child Rights and protection</p> <p>Welfare programs</p>	<p>7 times children interacted with concern stakeholders involving, CWC members and representatives of govt. welfare programs</p> <p>181 children took part in Concern stakeholders have extra attention for these most vulnerable children</p>
Vulnerable (kinship) children get extra support for education	<p>Minimize drop out</p> <p>Continuity of education</p>	<p>Monthly Stipend</p> <p>Monthly Follow up to track their development</p>	Regular Education	<p>60 children are getting monthly stipend to continue their concern education</p> <p>24 follow up done with the children getting stipend to review and input</p>
Birthday Celebration of children living without parental care	<p>Environment building</p> <p>Confidence building</p> <p>Making them feel the childhood</p>	In each month, children celebrate jointly	Joint Participation	<p>21 Birthday celebration done.</p> <p>60 Children celebrated their respective birthday</p>

Strategy 5: After care projects are set up, information and guidance for foster youth on their path to adulthood are realized

Synopsis:

Children learn most by watching each other with each other. The children want to express their condolences to their friends only. Such children rarely talk to others openly. Their friends are also very few. That's why it is important for their mental development and to bring back their childhood that children make friends. Children meet each other and share things related to their life. They share the problem and all get tips and solution out.

Outcomes

- Children of Kinship care feel comfortable and supported by their peers
- Peer group members are able to advice and support out of care children
- Peer groups are functioning and meeting regularly
- Group activities organised

Activity - 1- Strengthening peer groups [Mitra Mandali]

Inputs Given as Sub Activities	Objectives	Methodology	Contents Discussed	Output Results
Peer Group Formation of the children	Promoting Support for the children in terms of giving emotional support to the children	Forming groups	Supporting each other children	6 Mitra Mandali Established having 90 members
		Monthly meetings	Friendship and peer support	72 meetings held with the members of Mitra Mandali
		Sports	Joint celebration and participation	10 outdoor games initiative with the children
		Celebrating Important Days		336 children participated
				30 children won prize
				10 Important days celebrated at both the CFCs.
				25 children won prizes

Strategy 6 : Convergence and Methodology is being developed for the promotion of cooperation between caregivers families, Local bodies, local systems and organizations

Synopsis:

It is necessary to talk about the importance of the family for children. Family is a place where children can be the most protected. Society based systems are often strong. It is necessary for

the society to understand its responsibility so that they can be constantly tried with them. The decision taken by the society in the interest of children is paramount. The results will be excellent when stakeholders from different sections, together try to establish the importance of family for children. If they talk about the importance of Non Institutional Care from their platform too, then efforts on the rights of children will be elaborate.

Outcomes:

- Convergence among the multiple stakeholders is established to raise awareness on the situation of orphans and vulnerable children in the region the program works in.

Activity - 1- Initiating discussion with multiple stakeholders on Importance of community based alternative care and protection of children

Inputs Given as Sub Activities	Objectives	Methodology	Contents Discussed	Output Results
Local level meetings	Bringing attention to the plight of the children living without parental care and community support for the mainstreaming	Success story presentation	Importance of community based alternative care and protection of children	10 Local level meetings organized 710 people of the village took part in 100 % target community informed on the importance of alternative care model
Panchayat level Oath Ceremony		Cultural performance on the situation of children	Importance of family for a children	
Good practices sharing Seminar		Stakeholders consent on how to develop protecting measures for children	Social responsibility	2 Event held with Panchayat representatives and other panchayat level stakeholders 241 people took part in Local communities, families etc know what to do to protect the children 1 State level Seminar held 126 NGOs, CBOs, Media personals, Policy Makers took part in discussing and promoting the importance of Alternative Care for children living

Lesson Learnt & Success Stories

Patriarchal mindset usually creates barriers for girls in continuing their studies after primary education. Girls do not oppose it and begin to understand and adopt it as their destiny. Thinking of getting out of the house, playing sports, moving outside, keeping personal view, even thinking about own life is considered a crime for girls. Girls getting involved with Girl panchayats breaking all these barriers and creating a change as “Change Maker Girls”

There are many such girls who have dreamed of getting higher education and also fulfilling it. The result of continuous project is that Chandani and Punam was honored by DALSA on International Women Day, 8th March 2019.



Chandani is from a poor laborer family. Her elder sister had become a victim of trafficking. We get her enrolled with education so that she and rest of her sisters could be saved. After the sudden death of mother, she not only took care of her house but also showed the courage to create a new example in the entire area. It was the courage to strengthen the girls' group against the early marriage of daughters and motivate girls for higher education. She has been with us for seven years. As a leader, she is empowered and encourages other girls to pursue higher education. She has passed from 1st division in Intermediate. On seeing her enthusiasm, DALSA [district legal service author] had honored her on International Women Day. She is the first in her family who had passed Intermediate and dreaming to be 1st Graduate in her entire family and generation



Poonam is such a brave girl who came to the marriage pavilion and refused to marry. She thought of reading ahead despite of family pressure and decision. She made her recognition as a leader to talk about the rights of girls. By ignoring thousands of sarcasm of the society, she enrolled to graduation. She drove many brokers away from the village and rescued many girls from becoming victims of child marriage.

A 17-year-old girl escaped from becoming the victim of false marriage

Local PRI Members, help line and Police took joint action. PRI members are the part of local Child Protection Committee

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Some unaware people were used to frequently visit Pammi house at night. During this it created suspicion of Ravina, the member of local Anti Trafficking girl's group. She used to live in her neighborhood. She at 10:30 called and explained everything to Bhoomika Vihar's team members. This information was shared with 1098, helpline, local ward members and later on to local Police. Local PRI members initiated to talk to the family of Pammi.

Meanwhile Local Police Station took immediate action. They reached house of Pammi. Groom and his fake family was arrested and brought to the Police Station for further action. The Local Panchayat tried to make the family understand that the groom were liars and were trying to implicate Pammi.

Survival of trafficking, 27 yrs old Ravisha tries to recover from her condition

Background

A permanent resident of Katihar district, Ravisha has 2 brothers and 4 sisters. She doesn't have her own place to live. They are staying by building a house on the government land. Her father is not alive anymore. Her mother does laboring in other's land. The only source of income is through Ravisha's mother. They come from a schedule cast family. They have their name on the BPL list.

Problem/ Key issue

A close relative had offered a marriage proposal to the family. It was told about the groom that he lives in the city and has his own house. Ravisha's mother, who is afflicted with poverty, accepts marriage proposal without considering anything. Ravisha's mother does not have to spend anything at the time of marriage. Rather, money, clothes and jewelery are given by the groom's side. Ravisha was married in a hurry. Ravisha's father was not alive, which was easy to take advantage of.

She reached Itawa, Uttarpradesh with the groom namely "Md. Maufla. Ravisha was never happy in her husband's home. Groom's five brother and father often treated her badly.. She was over worked and not fed properly. Ravisha never had kids. Sometime after the marriage Ravisha's husband, father in law and brother in law started insinuating physical relations with her. They

forced themselves on her. When she said no to them, they physically abused her. Ravisha's husband used to constantly abuse her. Ravisha's husband and her brother in law both were planning to sell her.

Finally she had to run away from her in laws to save her life. She came back to mother home.

Initiative by the organization

Ravisha was visited by Bhoomika Vihar team member for counseling. Bhoomika Vihar is doing a number of follow ups to make sure she is mentally and emotionally well. After many visit to Ravisha, she could finally share her story. She at last opened about abuse by her in laws and told the volunteers everything she faced. Bhoomika Vihar tried to make her become financially stable and get an alternative livelihood option. She was encouraged to take part in meeting to get her oriented to the anti-trafficking efforts, going in the village. She then was able to interact with more people.

Association with the partner organization/ support received

Organization had supported her financially to start local market based income generating activity. She presently is getting involved with the business of seasonal vegetables. She receives training on marketing, selling and saving. She had opened a bank account so that she could save some money for her future.

Key result/ Achievement

After several attempts, she is trying to forgetting her past. She strives harder to seek respect in society again. She takes care of her old mother too. She does not want her sister to become victim of trafficking.

Follow ups or Future Plans

Bhoomika Vihar has been in regular touch to guide her business in a more correct way. Due to which she always gets encouraged. She enjoys coming to Bhoomika Vihar's matting and interacting with people. She is in process to make her more economically strong and to protect her from re-victimization, as the local traffickers remain in surveillance to track down any other women who is going through the same life.

Married girl trapping young girls

Background

Mantu never went to school. The main occupation of the house is wages. She has 6 brothers and sisters. Mantu also goes along with his mother to work in others' farms. She got married at the age of 12 with an outsider. She doesn't have own land. They are surviving by contracting a small hut on government land.

Problem/ Key issue

Marriage was proposed by one of the village girl, Priyanka, who already was married to Panjab. Priyanka said that she knows the boy well; that the boy was from a very good family and that she too was married in Punjab. When Priyanka came home to Mother's house, then she had come to offer a marriage proposal for Mantu. The family of Mantu felt that if a daughter of a village lives in Punjab in the past, then Mantu will also get good home and groom. It was also said that the Mantu family will not have to spend anything in the marriage. Groom will do all the expenses. The groom just needs a decent girl. Mantu's family is trapped in the matter of Sangeeta. Sangeeta calls that boy from Punjab and Mantu's marriage was done without investigating anything. At the time of marriage, Mantu's father was given some amount of money and domestic needs.

When Mantu reaches Punjab, it seems a lot different. It was fine for a few days to start. But later the boy used to drink alcohol often at night. Together with friends he also brought friends. When the groom slept in drunkenness then his friend started to torture Mantu. One time food was given only. Mantu used to work as a laborer all over. And at night, the groom's friends used to exploit them with physical abuse. When Mantu could not understand anything, she ran away after seeing the opportunity one day. And somehow she came back to her native house.

Initiative by the organization

During the survey, the team was informed about Mantu. Then she was linked to the organization so that she would never come again in the bluff of the brokers. Both Mantu and her mother are explained together so that they can get engaged with alternative means of livelihood.

Association with the partner organization/ support received

Financial help was given to Mantu. Mantu and her mother together run a vegetable shop. They also received training on bargaining, marketing, selling and saving.

Key result/ Achievement

Both work together, which results in the fact that Mantu remains safe. They have stopped working in the fields of others because they have their own income generating option. They also deposit the money in the bank. The mistake that happened at the time of Mantu will not happen again, her mother often says.

Follow ups or Future Plans

Mantu is in regular follow up to expand the business, more. She and her family receive counseling.

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15 years old Soni trapped and was forced by her own husband to become a sex slave

Background:

A permanent residence of Kathiar district Soni has three sisters and two brothers. Soni is illiterate. She used to go school for sometimes, but she dropped out as her mother did not allow her to get education. Soni's father does not have his own land and house. Soni's father does laboring. Her mother works in other people's land. Their main occupation is laboring. They have their name on the BPL list.

Problem/ Key Issue:

The marriage was proposed by a man from the village. He had a lot of excitement about the groom and said that he is from a good family. His income is also quite good. 30 years groom wants a housewife so that he wants to marry 15 years old Soni. Together it was also said that Bride Family girl do not have to spend any expenditure on the wedding. All expenses would be borne by the groom. Soni's father without being unaware of the truth got ready for marriage. At the time of marriage, the family was given clothes and money too. The broker also got the money together. A very secretive way of marriage was done without informing the neighbor.

When she arrived there, the situation was exactly opposite. Whatever was told was all false. The boy did not do anything Soni was not treated well in her husband's home. Even her husband didn't treat her well; she was over worked and not fed well. She was forced to have physical relationship with her husband's friends. When Soni disagreed he used to beat her. She lived there almost for six months. For her, it was very difficult to cope with all this. He used to get some kind of opportunity and called her mother with the help of a neighbour and told her everything. When the mother reached there he turned back with his statement and promises. But Sony ran away with her mother in any way from there.

She came back to her parent's home. People back at home used to look at her in a very bad way; no one would talk to her.

Initiative by the organization-

Bhoomika Vihar has done a number of follow up with Soni for transferring her mentally in a more relax zone. So that she could be able to discuss openly. She was often invited to take part in the meetings to make her oriented to the anti trafficking efforts, going on in the village. It was also done so that she could feel comfortable while interacting people.

Association with partner organization / support Received –

Bhoomika Vihar has helped her financially. She starts goat rearing. Team mobilized and has opened up a bank account and made some deposits in her accounts. She finds herself in a much better place now and now has savings to help her live a better life.

Key result/ Achievement –

Her life has changed in a way that before when she worked on other's land but since she has joined this organization she is living a better life than before. She has her stomach full, better clothes and everyone in the society respects her. But most importantly, she has peace and freedom. She even dresses up for occasions like someone's marriage and the people in the village who used to look at Soni in a disrespectful way now respects her.

Follow up or future plans –

The plan is to keep looking after her employment and keep her under follow up for regular intervals. This is under process to make her economically strong and to protect her from re-victimization, as the local traffickers remain in surveillance to track down this kind of survival women.

She Spoke Out Not to be married at teenage

Background:

15 years old, Kajal has 4 sisters and one brother. She belongs to Dummar Panchayat of Katihar district. Kajal does not have her own land but has her own house. Her father does laboring and worked in other's farm. Kajal comes from a schedule cast family and her family is on BPL list. Kajal is an obedient student and pursuing her study in class 10th.

Problem/ Key Issue:

She was getting forced to be ready for marriage. Kajal had a big family due to which she was staying at her grandparents' home. As her grandfather thinks girls do not have a good groom if they do not have a quick marriage. And there is some doubt about something untoward with that particular girl. But she wanted to read further.

One day when Kajal came home from school, her grandfather asked her to get dressed as the groom's family was to be here to see her. When Kajal suggested that she didn't want to get married nobody listened to her. Then she called Girl's Group of that particular village. Team then sought help from the PRI members. They explained to her grandparents that she was too young to be married and not to marry her yet.

Initiative by the organization:

Even after repeated discussion, her grandfather was saying that the custom of his house is that girls should get married soon. Very grateful, and especially after the intervention of Panchayat and other villagers, his grandfather was ready. The role of Kajal was excellent in taking stand; she does refuse to get married at early age.

Association with partner organization / support Received:

She is getting monthly stipend to pursue her higher study. Bhoomika Vihar stepped in and made the family understand the threats behind marrying a girl in teenage. If they would continue doing this, local police would be informed in future.

Key result/ Achievement –

Kajal is happy now that she has been saved from child marriage. Next year she would appear to her 10th board exam. She now goes to school daily and even goes for coaching.

Follow up or future plans –

Bhoomika Vihar's volunteers visit her regularly and makes sure she is not having any problem again in studying. She participates in meetings and gatherings. She wants to complete her studies and become a teacher.

Manjali striving not to let her small kid an easy victim as she was

Background:

20 years old Manjali Kumari belongs to Chanppur Panchayat of Kathar district. She has three sisters and one brother. They don't have their own land. Manjali's parents work in others land. Manjali and her father's main occupation is laboring. Manjali's father name is on the BPL list. Manjali comes from a schedule cast family. She was married in Uttar Pradesh.

Problem/ Key Issue:

The marriage proposal was given by paternal relatives to Majali parents. It was said that the boy from Uttar Pradesh is from a good family. There is a lot of farming and land. Money will not be a problem. He has his own house. The groom will spend during wedding. Clothing and jewelry will also be available to everyone from the boy's side and money will also be given to spend. Family entangled into gullible talks and got ready for marriage. The marriage and departure took place very secretive. When she reached there she came to know that whatever was said, it is all a lie. She used to work all day. None of the members of the house were treated correctly. Whenever speaking, all people would hit her by binding her hands and feet. When the groom friend came home, she was locked in the room with them. The food was not given for two to three days, whenever she spoke out. The perception of other men of the house was also not good. They were saying that they had bought me. While these, she got pregnant and she decided not to survive. She ran away and returned back to her parent's house. When she ran away from her in-law, everyone used to look at her in a very bad way. She gave birth to a girl child. She had work as agricultural labor to look after her and her baby girl.

Initiative by the organization:

Bhoomika Vihar's volunteers came to her village for counseling and found out that Manjali is a woman who has suffered a lot because of trafficking under the pretext of fake marriage. She did not get food for days and her family has lack of money. She was added to the social rehabilitation program by Bhoomika Vihar.

Association with partner organization / support Received:

Manjali now has a business where she sells seasonal vegetables. Her daughter is linked up with aanganwari centre. She was given training on purchasing, bargaining, selling and saving. Her account was opened in Central Bank so that she could save money.

Key result/ Achievement:

She moves in the local market and in the village inside. She earns 100 to 200 rupees per day. She is now living a better life and even sending her kid to Aaganbari to study. She does not have to work as agricultural labor in another's field.

Future plans:

Regular counseling is given to her. Her child is also under close watch by the Panchayat representatives. She is getting tremendous support from the local women so that she and her small kind would not be trapped again by the traffickers.

Joint Collaboration- Local NGO, Child Protection System, Youth Club, Media, Police, PRI members, local villagers

Ten Thousand was given more was promised after wedding.....

40 yrs old Groom was from Rampur, Uttar Pradesh. A week ago, the traffickers were residing in the neighboring villages. The local person had given temporary shelter. They were looking for a poor family girl. Their search was completed in the nearby village.

The marriage was fixed a day ago. Next day they were about to board train from Katihar Rly Junction. Ten thousands offered to the family and rest was promised after reaching to in- laws Place.

The girl [Bride] had left education after completing class one study. She was involved in helping her mother in domestic chores. She belongs to a big family having six sisters and one brother. Her father is an agricultural labor. She stated sometimes it becomes improbable to manage meals for family.

Quick Response from the team-

On dated 30th of March 2018

10:15 pm Night- Received information from the field that marriage is about to take place in a rural village Katihar district.

10:30 pm- Discussion with other local NGOs and Media Personals

11:15 pm- Reached to the occurrence place after travelling 17 kilometer far away from Katihar main town. Meanwhile, local Police was informed.

11:30 pm- Girl rescued and the traffickers were taken in the custody

11:39 pm- Discussion with District Magistrate for immediate support

12:05 pm- Reached to Local Police Station

12:15 to 2:20 pm – Statement taken from the girls and the accused and FIR Process done

Action

As soon as we reached the village, the family and the brokers had got to know about us. Before going to the occurrence place, we were standing on the road side

and talking on the plan ahead. The weather was quite bad. To avoid the rain we were standing under a pallet roof.

Then only a few people in an auto-view appeared to come out of the village very fast. On asking the local Chawkedar, they started running faster. Our doubts became even more. They stayed behind after running for about three kilometers. Three men were caught by Police. One ran away at the same time. People around were gathering. They were protesting that they should be abandoned as the girl was taking them by marriage. Situation would have been more complicated if local police protection was not given to our team members.

In such a situation, it is difficult to prove the case related to marriage. Brokers often take the girl very easily by pretending to marry. Society also does not protest Rather assists. People like us have to bear the rebellion and anger of society. But we are still trying to convince people on trafficking under the guise of marriage.

FIR lodged

Section 372/373 of IPC

New Coverage

- Telegraph Patna [<https://www.telegraphindia.com/states/bihar/girl-rescued-from-traffickers-219854>]
- Zee Bihar- Jharkhand
- Local News Papers

15 yrs old little Girl Bride was in wedding dress. 31 yrs old Groom was in Mandap.

This incident is of 2nd February night. Marriage ritual was about to take place. The wedding hall was ready with decoration. The marriage was decided very smartly without any hubbub. The girl was of minor age. The brokers came from

Kannauj, Uttar Pradesh. The poor family was trapped by greed for money. Brokers had offered 20000[twenty thousand] to the family.

After getting information from the neighbor, bhoomika vihar team informed the local Police Station. Police landed in time and action taken. The groom was taken under custody and his friend with whom he had approached was fled away, however.

The little bride confessed that she was not ready for marriage. Marriage was fixed forcefully as she wanted to continue her education. Parents of the little bride had disclosed a very silly excuse. The marriage was decided on the fear of sudden leaving the girl's from house, as happening now a day.

FIR was lodged

Section- Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2016.

News Coverage-

- *Telegraph Patna [https://www.telegraphindia.com/states/bihar/child-saved-from-wedding-mandap-206584]*
- *New York Times [Uphill Battle Against Child Marriage Is Being Won in India, for Now <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/03/05/world/asia/india-child-marriage.html>]*
- *Local News Papers*

3] Priyanka had stopped schooling due to her mother's illness.

Background

12 yrd old priyanks belongs to a poor BPL family. Family was used to depend on agricultural laborer work for bread and butter. She has one brother and one younger sister. They just have a small land on which the house is built.

Problem/ Key Issue –

It was just one of her work to take care of home and see younger siblings. She sacrificed her studies because she is the older one. The brother used to go to school but not the sister. In such areas, there is still no thinking about girl education. At the request of the father, she had stopped reading. Due to poverty, mother was also working as a wage worker. . So she went on ill. Because of saving money, she did not get treatment. The disease became even more serious. Now, the mother used to lie down on the bed. And in all these rounds her studies were forcibly closed.

Association with partner organization / support Received –

It was a long time to study. First of all, she was linked to the education center. So that she could feel comfortable with other children and girls. When she came incessantly, she was added to the group of girls so that she could know about child rights and other issues. Understanding the importance of education was necessary; otherwise she would not have been attached to her studies.

Process of Initiatives / support –

During the visit to the village, the group got to know about her. Her guardian was explained that when her brother reads, why she cannot read it. She used to come for some days and then let go of getting entangled in the work of the house. After repeatedly explaining to her parents, she started to get involved.

Key result/ Achievement –

She was re-enrolled in class 7. She goes to school continuously. In other activity, he also participates openly. The smile that went out of his face came back again.

Follow up or future plans –

She also comes to learn at the Tailoring center. So that she can learn some skills to earn a living. Her studies cannot be missed in the middle; therefore volunteer is constantly meeting with her parents.

Rupa has determined that she will not marry at a young age. She raised her voice and saved herself from being a victim of child marriage

Background-

The 15-year-old Rupa reads in class 10. She is resident of Village Gosai Milik. They have own land to live in only. Their main occupation is agricultural labor. She has 1 brother and two younger sister.

Problem/ Key Issue –

After the death of her father, the condition of the house became even more pathetic. Mother started working in another farm so that the house could be nourished. Then Rupa also started giving mother's support so that she could earn more money. Rupa was quite promising in reading. But despite this, she missed her studies. Older one Rupa had to sacrifice for her siblings.

Meanwhile, the marriage of Rupa was offered by the relatives to her mother. Relatives said that the burden would be removed after getting her married soon. . Getting older it would be difficult to get offer. The mother of Rupa, troubled by poverty, liked this offer and agreed, regardless of the circumstances. But Rupa did not want to get married right now.

Association with partner organization / support Received –

When the education center opened in that village, many times volunteers tried to involve Rupa to the centre and with the girl's group. But she was used to go to work in the field on the mother's say. But when Rupa was taking part in the meeting continuously with other girls, her curiosity began to rise again towards studies.

Process of Initiatives / support –

She asked for help from the group in the meeting and requested that her mother too should be explained. Everyone went to Rupa's house. It was a little ridiculous but after repeated attempts, Rupa's mother got the point.

Key result/ Achievement –

Rupa was re-admitted to the school. Today Rupa is a promising student. She goes to school every day. Participates in all activity connected to the group. She inspires other girls also to join the program. Because of her courage, Rupa rescues herself from becoming the victim of child marriage.

Follow up or future plans –

Today she with us meets the villagers on the consequences of child marriage. . Rupa does not want any girl to marry at a young age. She wants to read further so that she can wipe out the poverty of her house by getting a good service.

Success Story- 1

9-year-old Kalpana continues to try to bring smiles on her younger brother's face, leaving his childhood attendants. Without a mother and father, the way of childhood is ridiculous but it is not impossible.

When Kalpana Kumari was three (3) years old then her father was reunited to second marriage and left kalpana mother. That time her mother was pregnant. After the father's leaving, the mother was alone, was doing some kind of wages to take care of her children. Later, her mother died of snake cutting. After that, both Kalpana and her brother were living with their maternal grandmother. The financial condition of maternal Grandmother is also quite miserable. There is no land even for farming. Grandmother works in another farm

Kalpana was linked to the Aanchal program through the counseling, so that her and her brother's life could be improved.

Presently, Kalpana with her younger brother, Sivam, joins the Child Club is currently being assisted in the form of education, dry ration and other need based items. She and her younger brother both were linked up to local school.

If Kalpana was not helped then she could have been a victim of wicked intention. Because such children who do not have parents, they easily fall prey. Kalpana who had stopped coming out from the house even after the death of her mother, today she also has her own friend circle. Kalpana herself is not only taking care of her but she remains conscious about her brother.

Kalpana is studying in class 3 and her brother in class 2.

Success Story- 2

At the time Droopadi was ten years old, his mother died. Today she is 18 years old. 5 brothers and 3 sisters of Dropdi belong to a big family. She had to drop down her study. They do have even proper meal for once a day. Both the mother and father were together nurturing the whole family but after sudden death of her mother family scattered. Due to mother's sudden move, the father also became very sick. She also started to help her father by accompanying him while working in another farms as agricultural laborer. But in all these, she missed her studies. She wanted to read but there was no remaining option left.

Draupadi was selected while doing survey in her respected village. That time she completely had lost her personal vision and hope. She was linked to the child club. She started mingling with other children and smiles.

Draupadi Kumari was enrolled in the local school. Through many activities and especially use of music has been very effective in making mentally disturbed children like Draupadi normal. Seeing other children, she started visiting the club every day that made the first ladder of change in her life.

She starts getting monthly stipend, raw nutrition food and daily need based items.

Draupadi who used to work in fields goes school every day and feels her childhood. Her dream is that she can become a teacher so that she would be able to teach poor people. .

Today, Draupadi Kumari passed the Inter Examination in Second Class and prepared for further studies.

Success Story- 3

When Amit Kumar was five days old, his parents died due to illness. There was no money for treatment. His maternal uncle took him with her. Amit does not remember his mother's face. There was a photo, but he lost it due to the storm.

Amit met during the survey of Bhoomika Vihar. Amit was very scared of meeting new people.

When other children were playing, he kept thinking quietly sitting there. Amit's maternal uncle have already three children, adjusting with whom a little is bit stiff for him. Amit was often sad after leaving his parents house.

Amit was far behind in studies due to irregularity. Through the private tuition, Amit's syllabus is tried to fulfill. Along with this, Amit comes every day in the child club so that he can play with his new friends. Amit likes music very much. Amit is not often left behind in registering his presence in any competition and winning award. He gets monthly stipend and other need based items to maintain personal daily care.

Today 15 years old Amit reads in class 8. Maybe we cannot bring Amit's mother back to his life.

We are trying to maintain smiles of her face and make every effort to keep his childhood alive.

Success Story- 4

When Rekha was four years old, her father died. A few years later, Rekha's mother left her and her younger brother for committing second marriage. She tried very several times to meet her mother but she did not return. Rekha did not have own house even to live. So Rekha and her

brother had to live with their paternal uncle. She had to take care of her younger brother, due to which she started working in other fields. . Throughout the day they were compelled to work.

During door to door counseling bhoomika vihar team came to know about Rekha. They tried to get her back to study but it was not possible at all. Number of times they visited Rekha and finally she admitted to get the part of Child Club with her Younger brother. Her uncle was also convinced for taking care of Rekha and her younger brother. Rekha then only was able to leave working as agricultural labor.

She her brothers were first linked with Child Club so that they could feel comfortable as other children. Gradually, when she with her brother started coming to Child Club every day they were enrolled in school. Schools teachers were especially requested to keep close monitoring to the children in order to minimize drop outs.

Rekha and her brother are often counseled to encourage them. Along with this, the uncle is also counseled so that the children can get welcoming and supporting environment. .

Rekha gets monthly stipend and enjoy eating nutrition foods and using need based items. When new clothes were given to her she says that she was used only wearing the old and used clothes of her cousin.

Rekha strives to have a good vision along with his brother's life as well. She and his brother go to school every day and it affects positively when they meet their friends during sports, painting or other recreational activities.

Today, Rekha is studying class 5 and her younger brother in 3 classes. They are out of tagging of child labor.